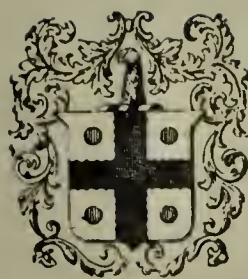


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URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL
OF
CLAYTON-LE-MOORS

1961



ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
HEALTH OF CLAYTON-LE-MOORS

BY

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Topography

CLAYTON-LE-MOORS

Lancashire, N.E.

$53^{\circ} 46''$ to $53^{\circ} 48''$ latitude.
 $2^{\circ} 22''$ to $2^{\circ} 24''$ longitude.

Enfield

Highest part of Township above Sea level, 540 feet.
Mean level, 470 feet.

Oakenshaw

Lowest part of Township above Sea level, 240 feet.
Mean level, 390 feet.
Landfall. South-Easterly to North-Westerly.
550 to 200 feet.

Climate

Exposed : Atmosphere damp.
Prevalent Winds : Westerly, South-Westerly.

Soil

Moorland, Clay.
Surrounding Hills : On the North the Pennine Range.
North-East : The Pendle Hills.
North-West : Minor Hills.
Annual Rainfall : Average, 50 inches.

Rivers

The Hyndburn, the chief recipient of the rainfall of the district.

Canals

Leeds and Liverpool Canal, dividing the Township into higher and lower portions, Enfield and Oakenshaw.

Industries

Brick-making, Lithographic and Letterpress Printing, Hydraulic Ram making, Chemicals and Colours, Paint and Varnish Manufacturing, Vitreous Glaze Enamelling, Carborundum Products. Horticultural Insecticides and Fumigants, Pleasure Boat Building.

Area	...	...	...	...	...	...	1039.922 acres
Area of Water	...	...	...	...	...	...	18.078 "
							<u><u>1058</u></u> "

Population

Census 1961	...	...	...	...	...	...	6,421
Estimate, mid-1961	...	...	...	...	...	...	6,440
Rateable Value, 1961/62	...	...	...	...	...	...	£80,011
Sum represented by a Penny Rate, 1961/62	...	...	...	...	...	...	£316

Inhabited Houses

Census, 1931	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,101
According to Rate Book, 1961	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,436
Average Persons per House	...	...	...	...	...	...	2.64
Uninhabited Houses	...	...	...	...	...	...	47

Population

Year		Year			
1851	...	3,292	1946	...	6,607
1861	...	4,679	1947	...	6,680
1871	...	5,390	1948	...	6,698
1881	...	6,694	1949	...	6,774
1891	...	7,134	1950	...	6,742
1901	...	8,159	1951	...	6,823
1911	...	8,868	1952	...	6,817
1921	...	8,579	1953	...	6,997
1931	...	7,909	1954	...	7,020
1941	...	7,034	1955	...	7,010
1942	...	6,820	1956	...	6,980
1943	...	6,664	1957	...	6,900
1944	...	6,705	1958	...	6,860
1945	...	6,410	1959	...	6,800
			1960	...	6,790
			1961	...	6,440

Inhabited Houses

Year	Census	
1921		2,063
1931	"	2,101
1941	According to rate books	2,228
1951	" " "	2,289
1952	" " "	2,311
1953	" " "	2,390
1954	" " "	2,391
1955	" " "	2,395
1956	" " "	2,396
1957	" " "	2,396
1958	" " "	2,397
1959	" " "	2,398
1960	" " "	2,398
1961	" " "	2,436

COUNCIL OFFICES,

CLAYTON-LE-MOORS.

1962.

To the Chairman and Members of the
URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL OF CLAYTON-LE-MOORS

MR. CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to present my report on the health of the District for the year 1961.

It will be seen that infant mortality and still births were at a record low level, and the total death rate only 14%. These are very satisfactory figures, but in view of the relatively small actual numbers involved their significance must not be exaggerated. It is also very good to record a year with no fatal motor vehicle accidents ; and not a single death due to tuberculosis. The only infectious disease of any prevalence was Sonne Dysentery, troublesome but not dangerous.

Thirty-eight new houses in a town of this size is a notable advance.

Once again I thank the Clerk of the Authority, and Mr. Bailey for their unfailing help throughout the year, and yourself Mr. Chairman and the Committee for consideration and support.

Your obedient servant,

R. C. WEBSTER,

Medical Officer of Health.

VITAL STATISTICS

Year	LIVE BIRTHS		STILLBIRTHS		TOTAL I.D.	INFANT DEATHS		NEO-NATAL MORTALITY		ILLEG- ITIMATE LIVE BIRTHS		MATERNAL MORTALITY		DEATHS ALL CAUSES				
	No. Regis- tered	Rate Per 1,000 pop'n	No. Regis- tered	Rate Per 1,000 pop'n		Mortality Rate per 1,000 Livebirths	Mortality Rate per 1,000 Livebirths Legitimate	No. Regis- tered	Mortality Rate per 1,000 Livebirths Illegitimate	No. Regis- tered	Early Neo- Natal	Peri- Natal	No. Regis- tered	Rate per 1,000 Live & Still- births	No. Regis- tered	Rate per 1,000 pop'n		
1958	95	14·5	1	10·4	96	10	105·3	112·0	Nil	5	52·6	Nil	6·3	Nil	Nil	112	16·3	
1959	97	14·3	4	39·6	101	3	30·9	32·2	Nil	1	10·3	Nil	39·6	4·1	Nil	Nil	85	12·5
1960	112	16·5	3	26·1	115	3	26·8	28·3	Nil	2	17·9	17·9	43·5	5·66	Nil	Nil	97	14·3
1961	107	16·6	1	9·3	108	2	18·7	19·8	—	1	9·3	9·3	18·5	5·94	—	—	90	14·0

* Adjusted $\begin{cases} \text{live birth-rate (comparability factor, } 1\cdot05) = 17\cdot4 \text{ per 1,000} \\ \text{death-rate (comparability factor, } 1\cdot09) = 15\cdot2 \text{ per 1,000,} \end{cases}$

CAUSES OF DEATH DURING 1961	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
Other infective and parasitic diseases	1	—	1
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	2	2	4
" " lung, bronchus	1	—	1
" " breast	—	1	1
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasm	2	3	5
Diabetes	2	—	2
Vascular lesions of nervous system	7	15	22
Coronary disease, angina	9	3	12
Hypertension with heart disease	—	1	1
Other heart disease	2	11	13
Other Circulatory	—	1	1
Influenza	—	3	3
Pneumonia	2	6	8
Bronchitis	5	3	8
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	1	—	1
Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea	1	1	2
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	1	3	4
All other accidents	1	—	1
 Totals	37	53	90

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA, 1961

Ambulance Facilities

These are provided by the Lancashire County Council.

Nursing

The Home Nursing Service is provided by the Lancashire County Council.

Domestic Help Service

The County Council provides this : the Home Helps are engaged on an hourly basis and are available for maternity cases and cases of illness.

Maternity and Child Welfare

This service is administered by the Lancashire County Council. Infant Welfare Clinics were continued weekly, Ante and Post-Natal Clinics are now held on alternate weeks. The help of the ladies on the voluntary committee at the Infant Welfare Clinic is again gratefully acknowledged.

Day Nursery

This service is administered by the Divisional Health Authority, Accrington. The nursery was opened on the 9th February, 1953, and is capable of providing all necessary facilities and accommodation for 50 children. The staff consists of 1 Matron and 5 Assistants and charges are made according to the financial circumstances of parents seeking admission for their children, the maximum being 6/- per day, per child, with a proviso that any second child, etc., is only charged at the rate of 3/- per day.

School Medical Inspection

The school medical service is provided by the County Council. Medical Inspection was carried out by the Medical Officers of the County Council.

The School Clinics continued as usual at Rishton comprising Minor Ailments, Orthopaedic, Ophthalmic and Dental Clinics.

Immunisation Clinics were held regularly at the Welfare Centre.

Hospitals

No Hospitals or Registered Nursing Homes existed within the Urban District.

Health Education

The services outlined above are available to all and are, generally speaking, well used. Efforts are made to secure a wider use of the Health Services by the personal recommendation of the Medical Officer, Health Visitors, School Teachers and others. Posters are exhibited at the Town Hall, Welfare Centre, Clinics, and in the Schools.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

Water Supply

The Accrington District Water Board undertake this service and make the necessary tests of the quality of the water. The supply was constant and sufficient as every house is served, no extension of piped supplies has been required. The conversion, as time goes on, of waste water to fresh water closets will, however, increase the water needs of the district.

Drainage and Sewage

This service is undertaken by the Clayton-le-Moors and Great Harwood Joint Sewerage Board, and extends to all premises save a few isolated farms. Periodical testing and flushing was carried out.

Scavenging is carried out by the Health Department of the Local Authority.

Further details regarding Sanitary circumstances, Housing and Inspection and Supervision of Food, are contained in the report of the Public Health Inspector.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

The following table shows the number of new cases of tuberculosis notified during the year 1961 and the number of deaths from the disease which occurred in the various age groups.

Years	NEW CASES				DEATHS			
	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
2	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
15	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
20	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
25	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
35	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
45	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
55	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
65	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
75 and upwards ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals	I	—	I	—	—	—	—	—
		I		I				

Pulmonary Non-Pulmonary
M. F. T. M. F. T.

Number of Cases on the Register

at 31/12/61 21 9 30 5 — 5

Mortality Rate for 1000 est. population, Respiratory T.B. nil.

During the year 7 cases of Tuberculosis were removed from the register, and 2 new cases were added the reasons being as follows :—

Recovered or Quiescent	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Transferred from Area	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
New Cases	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Death Due to other causes	...	...	...	...	...	...	1

The Tuberculosis Service for the area was administered by the Regional Hospital Board and County Council.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSIS

The table below shows the number of cases of infectious disease, other than tuberculosis during the year 1961.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES	TOTAL CASES ALL AGES	REMOVED TO HOSPITAL	DEATHS IN HOSPITAL	TOTAL DEATHS
Whooping Cough ...	...	—	—	—
Measles ...	18	—	—	—
Dysentery (Sonne) ...	38	—	—	—
Total ...	58	—	—	—

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948 Section 47 NATIONAL ASSISTANCE AMENDMENT ACT, 1951 Section 1

Nil.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES, HOUSING, INSPECTIONS AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

Public Health Inspections

The number of premises visited during 1961 was 2859.

From these visits, 46 nuisances and defects were noted and 63 were remedied.

24 informal notices and 5 Statutory notices were issued.

Closet Accommodation

Number of houses and premises using :—

Fresh Water Closets (connected to sewers)	...	1,937
Waste Water Closets (estimated)	...	1,214
Pail Closet System	...	2
		—
Total number for houses and premises		3,153
		—

32 blocked drains, in connection with waste-water closets, were opened.

During the year, 79 waste water closets were converted to fresh water closets.

Refuse Accommodation

Number of houses at which movable ashbins were substituted for fixed receptacles during year—Nil.

There are 2,750 movable ashbins.

The tipping is controlled and is situated on the old printworks site at Oakenshaw.

Income :—Tipping charges £19 os. od.

Public Cleansing, 1961

Ashpits emptied	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
Dustbins emptied	...	...	...	...	...	86,275
Cesspools, etc., emptied	...	...	...	...	...	2
Privy Pails	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
Motor loads of house refuse removed to tips	...	...	...	...	...	1,015
Motor loads of street sweepings removed to tips	...	...	...	...	...	8
Motor loads of gully refuse removed to tips	...	...	...	...	...	26
Motor loads of clinkers, etc., used for top dressing	...	...	...	...	...	44
No. of loads tipped by private contractors on refuse tip	...	...	...	...	...	152
Houses fumigated	...	...	...	...	...	7

**Details of Salvage Collected and Sold during year ended
31st December, 1961**

					APPROX. VALUE					
					T.	C.	Q.	£	s.	d.
Paper	...	...	...	...	29	12	2	192	13	3
Scrap Metal	...	...	...	...	7	9	3	11	4	10
					37	2	1	203	18	1

Shops Act, 1950

295 shops were inspected under the above Act and no infringement of the Act was observed.

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 AND 1948

1. Inspections

PREMISES (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of		
		Inspections (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupiers Prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	17	38	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	60	65	—	—
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out - worker's premises)	1	3	—	—
TOTAL ...	78	106	—	—

2. Cases in which defects were found

PARTICULARS (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (6)	
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred			
			To H.M. Inspector (4)	By H.M. Inspector (5)		
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	—	1	—	—	—	
Inadequate Ventilation (S.4)	—	5	—	—	—	
Sanitary conveniences (S.7) (a) Insufficient ... (b) Unsuitable or defective ...	— —	— 5	— —	1 —	—	
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork) ...	—	6	—	—	—	
TOTAL ...	—	17	—	1	—	

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

The Council employs a part time Rodent Operator and all complaints are fully investigated. The rodent control methods used by the Authority are in accordance with those recommended by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food. Systematic inspection and disinfestation of surface properties for rats and mice were continued during the year, and the bi-annual treatment of the sewers and manholes has had a considerable effect in reducing infestations both in the sewers and surface properties, in addition, the refuse tip and river banks have been treated to control any possible infestations. During the year free treatment was again afforded to dwellings.

The following table gives a summary of the work done throughout the past year.

No. of Premises Inspected			No. of Premises found Infested	No. of Treatments carried out
Rats ...	...	21	19	2
Mice ...	...	13	11	9

Sewer Treatment

Date	No. of Manholes Treated	Complete Takes	Partial Takes
Full Maintenance 12 to 16/6/61	22	3	—
Test Bait ... 19 to 30/3/62	45	9	7

HOUSING STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR, 1961

Number of new houses erected during the year :—

	Houses	Flats
(i) By the local authority ...	—	—
(ii) By other local authorities ...	—	—
(iii) By other bodies or persons	38	—

Inspection of Dwelling-houses during the year :—

(1) (a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected formally or informally for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	42
(b) Number of inspections, formal or informal, made for the purpose	127
(2) Dwelling-houses unfit for human habitation and not capable at reasonable expense of being rendered fit :—	
(a) Number found during the year	—
(b) Number (or estimate number) at end of year ...	47
(3) Number of dwelling-houses found during the year to be not in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation but capable of being rendered fit ...	42

2. Houses Demolished.			NIL
3. Unfit Houses Closed—			NIL
4. Unfit houses made fit and houses in which defects were remedied—		By Local Owner	By Auth'ty
(i) After informal action by local authority...	16		—
(ii) After formal notice under			
(a) Public Health Acts ...	...	...	I —
(b) Sections 9 and 16 Housing Act, 1957			— —
(iii) Under Section 24, Housing Act, 1957	...	—	—
5. Unfit houses in temporary use (Housing Act, 1957)—			
	I No. of houses	2 No. of separate dwellings contained in	
			Col. I
Position at end of year			
(i) Retained for temporary accommodation			
(a) Under Section 48			— —
(b) Under Section 17(2)			— —
(c) Under Section 46			— —
(ii) Licensed for temporary accommodation under Section 34 or 53 ...			— —
6. Purchase of Houses by Agreement—			
Houses in Clearance Areas other than those included in confirmed Clearance Order or Compulsory Purchase Orders, purchased during the year	... ... ...		— —

House Purchase and Housing Act, 1959—Standard Grants Action during year.

		No. of Schemes	No. of dwellings or other buildings affected
(a) Submitted to Local Authority	58
(b) Approved by Local Authority	58
(c) Work completed	51

Inspection and Supervision of Food

Meat and other foods :—The slaughtering of all animals is undertaken outside the area, there being no private slaughterhouses in the district.

The following foodstuffs were examined and condemned as unfit for human consumption :—

LIST OF CONDEMNED FOODSTUFFS FOR YEAR 1961

	lbs.
Tinned Jellied Veal	6
,, Luncheon Meat (Pork)	8
Total	<u>14</u>

Milk Samples

During the year 37 samples of milk were taken in the area and submitted to the Pathological Laboratory, Preston, for Bacteriological and Biological tests, the results being as follows :—

Samples for Biological Examination

	No. of Samples	Results		
		Positive	Negative	No Result
Total No. Submitted	37			
Results :—				
(i) Tuberculosis	5	—	5	—
(ii) Brucellosis Ring Test ...	32	8	22	2
(iii) „ Culture „,	—	5	5	—
(iv) „ Biological „,	—	5	—	—

Samples for Statutory Tests

	No. of Samples	Results		
		Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Void Sample
Raw Milk :—				
(i) Methylene Blue Test ...	3	3	—	—
Heat Treated Milk :—				
(i) Methylene Blue Test ...	2	2	—	—
(ii) Phosphatase „ „ ..	2	2	—	—
(iii) Turbidity „ „ ...	—	—	—	—

Ice Cream

Number of premises registered for the manufacture and sale of ice cream	29
Number of premises registered for the manufacture of ice cream. Hot Mix	1
Premises registered for the retail sale of ice cream ...	30

Preserved Foods

Number of premises registered for the sale of Preserved Foods	7
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Infectious Diseases

15 books from the library were fumigated prior to re-circulation.

I have the honour to be,

Mr. Chairman, Lady and Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,

F. BAILEY,

Public Health Inspector.

